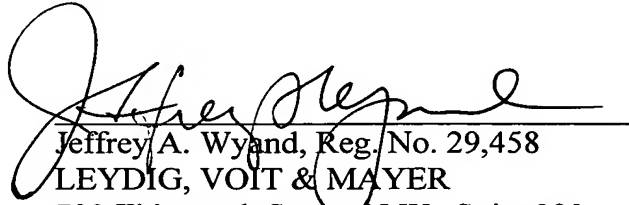


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 19, 2005, Applicants resubmit the claims, showing, as stated in the Remarks/Argument of the Reply filed December 8, 2005, that claims 13-17 are cancelled. Claims 12 and 18 are the only claims still pending in this patent application.

Claims 12 and 18 should be allowed for the reasons supplied in the Reply filed December 8, 2005. Those Remarks/Arguments are incorporated by reference.

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